

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A method of prevention and treatment of ~~an acute episode of~~ asthma symptoms, which comprises

instructing a patient in need thereof to inhale an effective amount of a composition comprising, in admixture:

(a) a first active ingredient which is formoterol, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof or a solvate of such a salt; and

(b) a second active ingredient which is budesonide;
characterized in that the patient is instructed to inhale the composition on demand, as determined by the patient based on the patient's symptoms, as a treatment and a preventive measure, when the patient experiences an increase in asthma symptoms ~~of an acute episode of asthma~~.

14. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the molar ratio of (a) to (b), calculated as formoterol to budesonide, is from 1:1 to 1:100.

15. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the first active ingredient is formoterol fumarate dihydrate.

16. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the first active ingredient is the R,R enantiomer of formoterol, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, or a solvate of such a salt.

17. (Previously presented) The method according to claim ~~13~~15, wherein the composition is in the form of unit doses, each of which delivers a unit dose of formoterol lies in

~~the range of from~~ 1 µg to 48 µg of the first active ingredient to the patient, calculated as formoterol fumarate dihydrate.

18. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~13~~15, wherein the patient is instructed to inhale an amount per day of the composition ~~daily dose of formoterol~~, including for maintenance therapy, ~~lies in the range of from~~ that contains a total of 1 µg to 100 µg of the first ingredient, calculated as formoterol fumarate dihydrate.

19. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the second active ingredient is the 22R epimer of budesonide.

20. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the composition is in the form of unit doses, each of which delivers a unit dose of budesonide ~~lies in the range of from~~ 20 µg to 1600 µg of budesonide to the patient.

21. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the patient is instructed to inhale an amount per day of the composition ~~daily dose of budesonide~~, including for maintenance therapy, ~~lies in the range of from~~ that contains a total of 20 µg to 4800 µg of budesonide.

22. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the particle size of the active ingredients (a) and (b) is less than 10 µm.

23. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the composition additionally comprises one or more pharmaceutically acceptable additives, diluents or carriers.

24. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~23~~13, wherein the composition additionally comprises ~~pharmaceutically acceptable additive, diluent or carrier~~ is lactose monohydrate.

25. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the molar ratio of (a) to (b), calculated as formoterol to budesonide, is from 1:1 to 1:70.

26. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 17, wherein the composition is in the form of unit doses, each of which delivers a unit dose of formoterol lies in the range of from 3 µg to 12 µg of the first ingredient to the patient, calculated as formoterol fumarate dihydrate.

27. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein the patient is instructed to inhale an amount per day of the composition daily dose of formoterol, including for maintenance therapy, lies in the range of from that contains a total of 2 µg to 60 µg of the first ingredient, calculated as formoterol fumarate dihydrate.

28. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the composition is in the form of unit doses, each of which delivers a unit dose of budesonide lies in the range of from 50 µg to 400 µg of budesonide to the patient.

29. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the patient is instructed to inhale an amount per day of the composition daily dose of budesonide, including for maintenance therapy, lies in the range of from that contains a total of 30 µg to 3200 µg of budesonide.

30. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13 further comprising instructing the patient to inhale the composition as a rescue medication.

31. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13 further comprising instructing the patient to take a second composition, comprising a glucocorticosteroid, on a regular basis as a maintenance treatment.

32. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13 further comprising instructing the patient to use the composition as a complement to maintenance treatment of the patient's asthma.

33. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 13 further comprising instructing the patient to inhale an effective amount of the composition as a preventive measure prior to encountering ~~an event that triggers an acute episode of~~ an asthma triggering event.

34. (Currently amended) The method of claim 33 wherein the ~~event triggering the acute episode of~~ asthma triggering event is selected from the group consisting of exposure to cold air, exercise, and exposure to a smoky environment.

35. (Currently amended) A method of prevention and treatment of ~~an acute episode of~~ asthma symptoms, which comprises

instructing a patient ~~in need of prevention or treatment of an acute episode of asthma to~~ inhale an effective amount of a composition comprising, in admixture:

(a) a first active ingredient which is formoterol, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof or a solvate of such a salt; and

(b) a second active ingredient which is budesonide;

characterized in that the patient is instructed to inhale the composition on demand, as determined by the patient based on the patient's symptoms, as a complement to maintenance treatment of the patient's asthma.

36. (Currently amended) A method of prevention and treatment of ~~an acute episode of~~ asthma symptoms, which comprises

instructing a patient ~~in need thereof~~ to inhale an effective amount of a composition comprising, in admixture:

(a) a first active ingredient which is formoterol, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof or a solvate of such a salt; and

(b) a second active ingredient which is budesonide;

characterized in that the patient is instructed to inhale the composition on demand, as determined by the patient, when the patient is expecting to encounter ~~a trigger of an acute episode of~~ an asthma triggering event, as a preventative measure.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13 further comprising instructing the patient to use the composition as a complement to maintenance treatment of the patient's acute episodes of asthma.

39-41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently amended) A method of prevention and treatment of ~~an acute episode of~~ asthma symptoms, which comprises

instructing a patient ~~in need thereof~~ to inhale an effective amount of a composition comprising, in admixture:

(a) a first active ingredient which is formoterol, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof or a solvate of such a salt; and

(b) a second active ingredient which is budesonide;
characterized in that the patient is instructed to take a maintenance dose of the composition, and, if the patient experiences asthma symptoms ~~of an acute episode of asthma~~, to inhale additional doses as needed to improve control and provide acute relief.

43. (New) A method of reducing the incidence of acute asthma attacks, which comprises instructing a patient to inhale an effective amount of a composition comprising, in admixture:

(a) a first active ingredient which is formoterol, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof or a solvate of such a salt; and

(b) a second active ingredient which is budesonide;
characterized in that the patient is instructed to inhale the composition on demand, as determined by the patient based on the patient's symptoms, as a treatment and to reduce the incidence of acute asthma attacks, when the patient experiences an increase in asthma symptoms.